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SUBJECT: U.S.-MEXICAN CONSULTATIONS ON TOMATO PRODUCTION
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1. DURING RECENT MEXICO CITY MEETINGS OF U.S.-MEXICAN
TRADE SUBGROUP, PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO ESTABLISH AN AGRI-
CULTURAL WORKING GROUP. INITIAL MEETING OF WORKING GROUP
IS PLANNED FOR JUNE 15-16 IN MEXICO CITY TO DISCUSS TOMATO
PRODUCTION AND TRADE--PRIMARILY U.S. IMPORTS OF MEXICAN
TOMATOES. U.S. DELEGATION BEING FORMED, CHAIRED BY JAMES
H. STARKEY, STR. OTHER AGENCIES TO BE REPRESENTED WILL

INCLUDE USDA (FAS AND AMS), STATE AND POSSIBLY FDA, EPA AND CUSTOMS (LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL). WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

2. WE WISH TO SOLICIT MEXICAN SUGGESTIONS FOR AN AGENDA FOR THESE TALKS. OUR PRESENT THOUGHTS ARE THAT AN APPROPRIATE AGENDA FOR THIS EXPLORATORY SESSION MIGHT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

(A) MEXICAN STATEMENT: OVERVIEW OF SITUATION IN THE MEXICAN TOMATO INDUSTRY; PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS.

(B) U.S. STATEMENT: OVERVIEW OF SITUATION IN THE U.S. WINTER TOMATO INDUSTRY; PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS.

(C) AVAILABILITY OF DATA ON TOMATO INDUSTRY IN U.S. AND MEXICO: ACREAGE, YIELDS, PRODUCTION, UTILIZATION, EMPLOYMENT, COSTS, PRICES AND RETURNS. METHODS OF DEVELOPING MORE COMPLETE AND TIMELY INFORMATION.

(D) PESTICIDE USE AND REGULATIONS.

(E) REVIEW OF MARKETING PRACTICES AND PLANS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

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(F) FUTURE CONSULTATIONS.

3. PLEASE CONTACT APPROPRIATE MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO REVIEW FOREGOING. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CHANGES OR OTHER SUGGESTIONS MEXICAN SIDE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE. PLEASE REPORT MEXICAN REACTION ASAP, AND LIST OF MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS WHEN AVAILABLE. VANCE

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